'There should be two of you, child," said,

he—
"There should be two to welcome me."
When I come home from the field at night:
Two would make the old home bright.
There's neighbor Gray, with his children four.
To be glad together. Had I one more,
A proud father I'd be, my dear,
With two good children to greet me here."

Down by the gate, 'neath the old elm tree, Donald waited alone; and she For whom he waited his love call heard, And on either cheek the blushes stirred. "Father," she cried, and knelt her down, And kissed the hand that was old and

brown—
"Father, there may be two if you will,
And I your only daughter still.

Two to welcome you home at night,
Two two make the old home bright;
I—and somebody else." "I see",!
Said the farmer, "and who may som

Said the farmer, be?"
be?"
Oh, the dimple on Bessie's cheek,
That played with the blushes at hide and seek!
Away from his gaze she turned her head—
"One of neighbor Gray's children, sir," she

"H'm," said the farmer; "make it plain.
Is it Susan, Alice, or Mary Jane?"
Another kiss on the aged hand,
To help the farmer to understand—
"H'm!" said the farmer; "yes, I see; "H'm!" said the farmer; "yes, I see;
It's two for yourself, and one for me."
But Bessie said: "There can be but one
For me and my heart till life is done."
— Chicago Tribune.

A HAPPY ACCIDENT.

"Good morning, Jennie. The gray mare and I have come to ask you to drive with us to Nickford, on this lovely day. How soon can you be

The speaker, a young, handsome fellow of some four-and-twenty years, stood in the open doorway of Jennie Russel's exquisitely kept dairy. He wore a morning suit of coarse tweed, whose cut, however, betrayed its city make, and there was about him a certain air which betokened him ac customed to city ways; but the girl who lifted up a bright, winsome face, with a half-start at his unexpected appearance, was engaged in deftly kimming the rich yellow cream with her own little fingers, neither white nor tapering, and though the great brown eyes lighted with gladness, they failed to give her beauty. A sweet, true face it was, pretty at times-at times aglow with something better than beauty, but never beauti

"Thank you, Allen," she answered True to her word, within 'nat time the two were comfortedly seated in

nal for departure.

Well-pleased, Jennie's mother watched them from an upper window. Allan Rufgar was the young Squire. He had been educated in a great college far away, and money without lavished upon him. stint had been But he had studied hard, and when he had returned home, too honest a love was in his heart for the acres which had been so many years the heritage of his family for him to them.

playmate, and though, socially a wide ing but the beauty and perfection of gulf yawned between him and simple little Jennie Russel, love has bridged Poor little Jennie! She early seed in the young man's heart.

"I'm so glad you came to-day, Allen," said Jennie, naively, "for I've a a thought, was near at hand. great piece of news to tell you. We're to have a boarder this sumquiet. I am so anxious to see her! the room which is to be hers, and making it as pretty as I could. She will arrive to-morrow. You are so good to me, Allen, you'll try to make

"What you call being good to you. "What you call being good to you. Jennie, is being good to myself. You read it through. Thus it ran: forget that it is all the harder to make it pleasant to this stranger, behappy, quiet hours. For one, I don't Why is it, I wonder !"

was a crimson wave. But she spoke

but somehow the words she had last sharing the fate with some others meant to utter died away, and a strange shyness took possession of "You know, of cours

wagon, from which the seats had sort of obligation to papa; and how, been taken to make room for them; if we should happen to fall in love, it and though the dress the young lady wore was quiet in color and in make. the old friendship between them. it was wholly different from anything Of course I am prepared to be a will-Jennie had ever seen and somehow reminded her of the nameless difference she had detected between Allen and the other young men of the friends. place. But the wearer of the garments would lend the plainest costume grace. Never had Jennie beungleved hand was faultlessly white,

Carrol, and the low voice held in it tone as of perpetual weariness.

How tidy the pretty room looked assigned their guest when herself and her two great trunks filled it! But she languidly expressed her appreciation of it, as, reclining on the sofa, Jennie herself served her with sofa, Jennie herself served her with the dainty supper prepared for her, How tidy the pretty room looked the dainty supper prepared for her, science, I feel it lighter of a load, and which she was to exhausted to Do you wonder that the responsibiltake in the room below.

Three days passed before Allen and Miss Carrol met. She was halflovely morning when he stole up be-

mare and I have been cheated long stand it."

lips uttered a tiny little scream.

At that instant Jennie entered, and

the formal presentation was made.

tion for his mistake.

but the former was more quiet than bis wont, and he spoke no more of Allen had redirected the letter he his wont, and he spoke no more of his regret at Miss Carrol's coming. had received through mistake, and

he was that it should be so.

the first time, failed to fit; had known now dull and listless she was until Allen's coming quickened her into life; had been herself the martyr of her thoughtfulness and her supreme | ingly replied.

selfishness. But none of this might tell to in his wanner, and with a warm glow I of happiness on his face, which made her own heart beat madly for a mo-"Pil go with pleasure, and will not ment, as he explained to her (his but for answer let me enclose our which under ordinary circumstances ished as a companion volume to their weeding eards. Perhaps Mr. Louis would show them to you would show the your would show they would show the your would show the your would show they would shave they would show they would show they would show they would sh

He had asked Miss Carrol to marry the high wheeled dog-cart, and a him, and she was his promised wife. flicker of the whip had given the sig- Somehow the poor little girl hid her own hurts with a brave smile as she wished him happiness; but that night no sleep came to the brown eyes, and her pillow was wet with tears.

In September Miss Carrol left them; but another gem was added to her stock of jewels, and she wore it on the third finger of her left hand the finger, they say, from which runs a vein direct to the heart.

The two weeks that followed were

wish to live elsewhere than upon her ear Allen poured all his lover's rhapsodies. Every day he came to Neither had he forgotten his little the farm, but he could talk of noth-

ous nature could have harbored such Christmas was fast approaching

when, one day, Allen, as usual, came mer-a young girl like myself. She unannounced into the cherry sitting-has been ill and is to come to us for room. The smile died on her face as she

Early this morning I was arranging looked into his and saw it white, and set, and stern. "Allen?" she cried. "What is it?

What has happened?"
"Read that?" he answered, and it sometimes pleasant for here won't tossed a crested sheet of paper upon her lap.

"I wrote you last summer, dearest, of my flirtation in the country with a cause she will interfere with our own man a kindly fate threw in my path -a flirtation I foolishly allowed to like her coming at all. More and more, Jennie, I want you all to mycourse, no one here suspects the course, no one here suspects the truth, and really the boy (he is hardly And he turned toward her with a more than a boy) was so desperately tender smile to which her sole reply in earnest that I could not help my self. After all, it makes no difference no more of the stranger's coming, which late the next afternoon became an accomplished fact.

Engagements, happily, are easily broken; and when I tell you what Louis Latrobe has written papa— As she drove up to the farm-house that he is coming to pay us a fort in Mr. Russel's wagon, Jennie stood night's visit at Christmas-you will in the open doorway to greet her; understand there is a prospect of my

"You know, of course, how im-nensely rich Mr. Latrobe is; how his Two enormous trunks filled the father, in early life, had made some would be a charming termination to the old friendship between them. ing victim. I have seen his picture. He is very handsome, and such wealth ma chere! I could outrival all my

"Unfortunately, Allen writes me that he intends spending Christmas meal, having done which he awaited with me, too, and fills his letters with developments. The flies, enticed by leaves. The next morning it seemed held anything so beautiful as the colorless face, lighted by the great patience to once more behold my blue eyes, and the little head crowned charms. Of course I do not wish to one passed within two inch all a lover's rhapsodies and his im- the smell, soon swarmed around the as fresh as ever, and when night by a mass of rippling, golden hair. break my engagement with him his nose his tongue darted out and The figure was tall and slender. One (really, he is not at all a bad parti, the fly disappeared. This plan and I have rather a sentimental worked so well that the toad made a liking for him) until I know someand sparkling with wonderful jewels. liking for him) until I know some—
"I hope your journey has not tired thing of Latrobe's intentions; there you very much?" ventured Jennie, fore I have written Allen a letter I shall are the thing of Latrobe's intentions; there you very much?"

very bad cold) and asking him to postpone coming until January, when I can see more of him.

ity was too great to bear alone " Jennie could read no more. With a face as white as Allen's own, she upburied in a great arm-chair, one lifted it from the sheet, which unconsciously, she crushed in her right

hind her, thinking it his little companion.

"Come, little girl," he said, "the does it all mean? I—I can't under-

And then a pair of blue surprised sagacity failed her, and she put the eyes glanced up at him, and two red letter intended for her friend in the lives trying to find out useful things envelope addressed to me. It means that heaven has been kinder to me than I deserve." Then, suddenly boats and railroad cars, and tele-Allen laughingly expressed contri-on for his mistake.

Miss Carrol graciously accepted his Miss Carrol graciously accepted his arms. "God help me!" he said. "I apologies: but the blue eyes grew have been tottering on the brink of less sleepy, and the pretty golden ruin," and, forgetful of herself, she or that religion by the use of ingen-head had meditated certain satis- crossed to his side and laid her little ious tortures. There was no end of factory thoughts that the country hand lightly on the chestnut hair. different kinds of suffering which promised to be less dull than she had the put up his own and drew it down poor miserable people who had their anticipated, and that she had be-decked herself in a very becoming white embroidered gown.

to his lips. It was the first caress he had given her. From that day Miss Carrol's name was never spoken bewhite embroidered gown.

Allen and Jennie had their drive,

Carrol's name was never spoken behorrible torture of keeping people tween them, save when once a letter awake night and day till they died.

Nor, as the days merged into weeks, sent it back to her. She had mailed did Jennie need again to ask him to mo reply until Mr. Louis Latrobe had just this cause.

make it less dull for her guest.

no reply until Mr. Louis Latrobe had just this cause.

People can sleep where there is a

It was not all idle jealousy; but and came to us for our congratula-

pect you? She had seen her flash into quick sssicn when some dress, tried for this letter came, and, like the first, he you or I do. Working night and day it were not for me," he once said, brought and put it into Jennie's hand "Will you send the reply, Jennie?"

he asked. "What shall I say?" she wonder

That I have been blind, and suddenly see. Blinded by her beauty, I Allen —not even when one day he came to tell her, with more of the old Allen than she had seen of late break, for it belonged to you, Jennie. I don't deserve you, dearest, but if you will give yourself to me, I will same mail."

Which, by a strange coincidence, proved to be the case.

A MINNESOTA DOG WHO GOES TO SCHOOL-

Everybody in Midway knows old the children's dog. He is one of the smartest dogs that we have ever seen. He formerly belonged to the late Mrs. Margaret Buford. but as there were no children at her house he came to town and took up his abode at Mr. S. Rogers'. He very hard for Jennie to bear, for into goes to school with the children every morning and remains there all day. When they go out to play he goes, too, and is quite expert at catching a ball-indeed, in a game he takes the place of a child. When the bell rings he is the first to run into the full thirty feet high. You can sit Washington now. His pithy sayings their business if the identification many a wide chasm, and Mrs. Rus learned the lesson few women are school house, and when the classes and watch the branches against the and his amusing freedom of lanmany a wide chasm, and Mrs. Rus sel sagely suspected that the little spared—teaching her lips to smile spored—teaching her lips to smile spared—teaching her lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the teaching her lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the spared to the lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the spared to the big-wigs were the lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the lips to smile spared to the big-wigs were the lips to smile spared to the li answers the next question by an gone backward, and we were looking his trade, profession, calling, etc., the to whoever presents them, intelligent bark and bow of the head. Should a question be missed by the child at the foot of the class and passed to the next by the teacher, 'Ned" will answer it in his peculiar sleep: way. Spelling seems to be his favorite branch of study, his answers in that being exceedingly quick and vigorous. Although he turns the children down, after his fashion, he never goes above them. He will fight for any of the pupils, as well as tase they do not seem to be much teachers, and could not be induced to stay where there are no children.

> TREES.-Certain kinds of trees, if placed in a malarious district, will neutralize the dangerous effects of impure gases. The gum bark trees of Australia belong to this order. Another tree has been mentioned, which should, if it will perform the service claimed for it, be very generously cultivated, as it can be easily obtained and readily grown. This is the common willow. It is asserted by those professing to have had experience, that, if cordons of these trees are planted around areas from which malarious gases exude, they will effectually prevent their diffusion. The remedy is certainly a simple one, and if it can be demonstrated to be reliable, there is no reason why it should not be put in practice.

A REASONING TOAD.

A brood of chickens were fed with moistened meal in saucers, and when the dough soured a little it attracted large numbers of flies. An observant pot. The earth about the roots betoad had evidently noticed this, and every day, along toward evening, he The leaves that remained on the would make his appearance in the yard, hop to a saucer, climb in and yard, hop to a saucer, climb in and Finally, at the end of twenty-one roll over until he was covered with days, he watered the earth and charms. Of course I do not wish to one passed within two inches or so of

ABOUT PLANTS.

Causes of Insomnia in the Vegetable Kingdom.

SOME OF DARWIN'S INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS.

doings and see into their daily lives, we continue to find things which remind us of animals. Plants, we already know, eat and drink and breathe and move. Besides all these things, bes it all mean? I—I can't underand it."

"It means that Miss Carrol's usual they sleep; and they must get their sleep regularly, or they lose their health completely.

Nowadays inventors spend their things that will make life easier and pleasanter; such things as steamgraphs and sewing machines, and a thousand others of the same kind. In old times all the inventions were made to compel men to believe this Such dreadful things are no longer practiced on people in Christian lands; but many and many a poor plant dies and makes no sign from

make it less dull for her guest.

Sometimes a strange, new pang shot through her heart, and into the shot through brown eyes would creep a look of infinite sadness, as her place beside Allen and behind the gray mare would be filled by another, and she could not help but see how content be was that it should be so.

To recall him.

"It was all a sorry jest, Allen," she said. "I sent you the letter purposely to try you, and then determined to punish your belief in my go on working and working, no matter how tired they are, till the contents of the recall him.

"It was all a sorry jest, Allen," she said soundly, I think, as they can in the darkness; still they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness comes they make they can in the darkness; still they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness; ones they make they can in the darkness; still they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness comes they make they can in the darkness; still they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness comes they make they can in the darkness comes they make they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness comes they make they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness comes they make they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness comes they make they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not. Until the darkness comes they make they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not until the darkness comes they make they can go to sleep in the light. But plants can not until the darkness comes they make Latrobe is engaged to be married, plucky little creatures drop in har-It was not all idle jealousy; but and came to us for our congratula-Jennie had learned the shallow, tions. I knew it all the time. Don't to separate the poisonous carbonic heartless nature of the girl who had be unbelieving, dear—and above all acid gas of the air into two useful things in my love. When may I extends the possession of the sir into two useful things in my love. is too much of a strain, and finally when in a despondent mood, "the their health breaks down, and they world would have seen three great

It may seem as wonderful to you trees around you had been going to sleep and cuddling up in this way, that my heart was never hers to and you had never noticed it or reak, for it belonged to you, Jennie. known it. When you think of it, it don't deserve you, dearest, but if is not really so strange, for most of Poe's poem "The Raven," and that England one finds a most nw, you will give yourself to me, I will the time that the leaves are asleep too, and any light Harper and Bros. and will be publishes. The Paying Tellechi wedding cards. Perhaps Mr. Louis would show them to you would keep Latrobe's will come to her by the Latrobe's will come to her by the

> examined a great many plants, and found no very common plant more interesting than the locust-tree. Some wistaria leaves, especially the young shoots, not only close up but turn over on their stems, to get their

The most remarkable plant of all that I examined was a mimosa-tree, or sensitive plant, as it is often called. This tree, however, grows of delicate sprays. It puts one in "printer."

which usually close their leaves when and do not change the position their leaves. It would seem as if they had been half asleep all day, and so had spoiled their night's rest. Darwin tells us of a plant which he says he watched carefully, and for two nights after having been violently shaken by the wind it did not cuddle down to sleep. It was probably too much excited to rest properly.

This movement of sleep is so much affected by the presence or absence of water, which you remember is the cause of all vegetable movement, that if the ground in which the plant grows is allowed to get dry, or the air becomes extremely parched around it, it makes no sleep movement all night. The "touch-me-not" and mallow are affected in this way by drought. Mr Darwin tried to see how long a little plant he had from Chile would live without water. He watched it for three weeks without giving it a drop to drink. leaves became dry and dusty, so that some of them would drop off from the stem every time he shook the came like the dust on a summer road. stem did not close in sleep at night. came it nestled itself down comfortably to its rest.

Some plants will go to sleep if they This plan can make themselves comfortable while if they are very much chilled by exposure to the cold night air

PERSONAL.

The doctors say that Gambetta's brain was more feminine than masculine in its general structure. convolution in which the faculty of language is supposed to reside was absormally large.

Keshub Chunder Sen, the Hindoo reformer, has written a play exposing As we come to be more intimate the follies and vices of his country with plants, and know all about their men, and inculcating sentiments of virtue. It has been received with great favor. The late Louis Blanc left \$5000 to

Parisian children who have been deserted by their parents. The deserving of each year are to receive savings bank books with \$20 set down to their credit. Judge Jere. Black, having fallen and broken his right arm so that he

hand, and still conducts his own cor respondence. The Marquis of Lorne is pronounced by Washington society a decidedly handsome young man, and

of the British Legation. One of the most interesting objects to be seen at the house of the Chinese Minister at Washington is a curiously other people's names so cumich designed vase, which has been in the that these other people cannot it right. ossession of the family for more

than five hundred years. Prince Bismarck is a martyr to neuralgia. He suffers terrible agony in the morning, the pain sometimes being so severe as to oblige him to stop in the middle of a sentence while

he is speaking. Although Mr. Fawcett, the Postmaster General of England, is close upon 50 years of age, his parents still live, and celebrated their golden wedding at his house a few days ago. a fine salmon caught by their blind son that may be placed before igra At dinner part of the fare consisted of

Bismarck is subject to fits of de-jection, when he declares that his life has been a failure; that he has never oxygen to keep people and animals made any one happy, neither himself, world would have seen three great wars less, and eighty thousand died in their bloom might have lived, as it did to me when I first learned it, that all your lives the plants and ters, widows would have been spared ters, widows would have been spared he is the right man any handwats their grief and tears!"

It is announced that Gustave Dore, to see these sleeping leaves you would is said, had taken a powerful hold of have to take a lantern and go out the mind of the great French artist, and then slaps out the moneyt fire after it was dark, and examine sprays and the drawings which resulted ever presents the check. It is which you had particularly examined from his sympathetic study of it will not whether the check is pays sl rank among the most imaginative and order or bearer. He demand order or bearer. He demand order or bearer. by day, to see just the difference.

The young leaves, like young babies, sleep most, and cuddle up closer than the older ones do. I

The frugal habits of Gov. Cleveland dorsed. This check-paying ch of New York are causing much distress to a certain class of his friends He walks from his residence to the He walks from his residence to the Capitol, and thus saves carriage hire, always shaves himself, does not entertain much, and evidently doesn't mean to spend more than \$3000 of his \$10,000 salary. \$10,000 salary.

Some people in Washington wish that Simon Cameron were "around" at the tree in its early spring dress old gentleman boldly announced whole duty is done. If I to dat ar Nothing diverted him my check in London, made pagh the anxiety of some of his to order of W. B. Morrill, thr. A mind of Keats's beautiful line, when speaking of a lovely girl going to sleep:

The speaking of a lovely girl going to sleep:

The speaking of some of his fellow-Senators to have their former occupation sunk in the title of Sena- and puts Mr. Morrill's name of Ma "As if a rose should shut and be a bud tor. He was pretty certain to begin some yarn about "when I was setting imprisoned for life for so doin tim It sometimes happens that plants type, somewhere or other," whenever he had a chance, in order to let them they sleep are very heavily shaded during the day. When this is the having made his living at a printer's

Louise Michel, the French Socialof st, is not likely to achieve much success by her lectures in London. She cannot speak English to the masses and at her first appearance had less than a dozen hearers, although loudly heralded. She is tall, has a mass of disheveled hair, a long face, a as he looked over his glass prominent nose, and deep-set, eager eyes. She talks more plainly about the rights of women than an Englishman would dare to, and is thoroughly French in all her ideas.

Patti, in the ball-room scene in "Traviata," wears \$250,000 worth of diamonds. They were around her neck, in her hair, on her wrists, in her ears, up and down her breast, all over the front of her dress-in fact, from every part of her they glistened and gleamed so that they hurt your eyes to look at her, and made more than one person wish for a piece of smoked glass through which to watch the third act of the performance. For the benefit of people who won der that she doesn't fear they'll be stolen, it may be stated that she doesn't leave them lying around loose in her dressing-room, nor does she go ome and forget them, as perhaps folks think she may.

Over three thousand congratulatory letters and telegrams have been received by the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany on the occasion of their silver wedding; also a hundred packages which have not yet been opened. The Emperor has yet been opened. The Emperor has "Yes; the authorities sup to presented a massive silver tea service, twice a year and pay for it he Queen of England has sent a marble statue of herself, the city Berlin has donated 118,000 marks for they will not make a sleep movement. the foundation of a sanitary school; Beauty soon grows familiar to the There is something almost human in the sum of 800,000 marks, collected stfully.

shall send by this mail, telling him lover, fades in his eye, and palls upon all these freaks of wakefulness in the throughout Germany, has been unawares made slaves to their wives as the sense. received for benevolent purposes.

HANDWRITING

Man Who Copies Signatures so o ENGLISH SYSTEM OF PATE

CHECKS ON SIGHT. A good handwriting is gett. A be one of the lost arts. The B. I and grandfathers of the presenthe eration, as a general thing, wer handsomer and more legible lord than do the children and grain children. There is one point in he manship to which I have just slau giving some attention. It related the testimony of han lwriting he

will probably never regain the use of long ago a man was hanged in ions it, has learned to write with his left England by handwriting en len As a class, such experts ought and have influence enough to hang nild And now it is claimed that ropi Brussels murderers have been y th is also said to resemble Mr. Howard down by tell-tale tricks of the set manship. The readers of this te n note may be assured that the riges of it knows individuals who carrass whether the signatures are therefor or not. I have actual cases in las where this puzzle has been trielins, notable instance I must me The State of Massachusetts not 1 the The State of Massachus years since had two of its bondens years successful to real amount on which soft precisely alike. One was a fA t bond throughout. The officers este names appeared upon these onk could not tell "which was vigs But this is nothing. I have s near me who can write your signon. and mine or the signature of anst w a study so cunningly that neithre ; nor I can tell which is which als lucky that he is an honest manove might do dangerous work with name on a big check or note, idarers in the United States placen reliance upon signatures as a p sp of identification in payment of ccap &c. The person who presents and to a Boston bank for paymentan be positively identified beforess money will be paid to him. Itil vain for him to offer as evidene on testimony. And it does not much difference whether the checkine t London bank tries to assure ht f looks upon the back of the ge check to see if it has the nah did not always prevail in Erred At one time the English prace of this rut one of these days.1. great bankers of London lone found they could never get thas sponsibility was to remain upon n in

> A Scotch clergyman once pr the same sermon on repentancing consecutive Sundays. A good came to him to remonstrate abo this breach of custom. "Do the people have heard that s once before," he began, mildly. have they?" responded the pr space. "Yes, they have heard ind before," ventured the elder, th rather doggedly. "Indeed!" sa preacher, with a smile that wa of meaning. "Well, Domini the truth, you have preached the mon three times, and the peop pretty well tired out." The m rose from his chair, showing feet and two inches of longit advantage, and inquired: that sermon was on the subject pentance, was it not? Now, to have the people repented, as them to?" The abashed official The abashed official mered: "Well, no, Dominie, think they have." "Then," th the minister, "go you and tell the that I propose to continue to nost that sermon until they do reper he m

back may collect that check-arase

is, of course, the imperative d wil

any person who has lost a cheries

About twenty-five years a British Government sent a circ the different boroughs in E asking for information upon a ber of statistical questions. these was the following: any unusual custom prevalenti d lie borough?" To this a borough southern part of England Pwith

Men who marry wives very husbands to their wives as tions.